

House Bill 1158

By: Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cox of the 28th, Efstoration of the 104th, Fleming of the 114th, Campbell of the 171st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that the state government
3 shall refer to the western bank of the Jordan River as Judea and Samaria; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for a short title; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Retiring the Egregious Confusion Over the
9 Genuine Name of Israel's Zone of Influence by Necessitating Government-use of Judea and
10 Samaria Act" or the "RECOGNIZING Judea and Samaria Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Georgia should refer to the lands
13 Israel secured control and jurisdiction over from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War by its
14 historical names of "Judea and Samaria" in official government materials.

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SECTION 3.

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16 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
17 provisions regarding state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
18 follows:

19 "50-1-15.

20 The State of Georgia in all official communications and government materials shall refer
21 to the lands Israel secured control and jurisdiction over from Jordan during the 1967
22 Six-Day War as 'Judea and Samaria,' with the land south of Jerusalem being considered
23 'Judea' and the land north of Jerusalem being considered 'Samaria.' The State of Georgia
24 shall not use the term 'West Bank' to refer to such lands. Beginning July 1, 2026, no funds
25 appropriated by the General Assembly or otherwise made available by the State of Georgia
26 may be obligated or expended to prepare or promulgate any policy, guidance, regulation,
27 notice, order, materials, briefing, press release, communications, or other work product that
28 refers to Judea and Samaria as the 'West Bank.' The prohibition in this Code section shall
29 not apply with respect to the obligation or expenditure of funds relating to obligations of
30 the State of Georgia under federal law."

SECTION 4.

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32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.